



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE 700th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 700th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on February 12, 2009, in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul A. Jacobs
Ann Jackson
Nelson L. Atkins
Clifton W. Albright
Gary L. Barr
Andrew Friedman
William J. Galloway
Dennis P. Zine

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bertrum M. CeDillos
Annie Y. Huang
Neal S. Millard
Sylvia Scott-Hayes

MEMBERS UNEXCUSED

David C. Voss, Jr.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
Bernard Barber, Detective, Los Angeles Police Department
Samuel Dacus, Captain, Sheriff's Department
Bea Dieringer, Los Angeles County Bar Association

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

None

GUEST(S)

Howard Choy, Los Angeles Police Department

STAFF

Rosemary Osuna, Commission Staff
Martha Arana, Commission Staff
Gabe Alexander, Commission Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacobs called the 700th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Commissioner Galloway. Introductions of Commissioners, Ex Officio Members and guests followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2009

On motion of Commissioner Barr, seconded by Ex Officio Member Aubry, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of January 8, 2009, were approved with the following corrections:

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The Safe Child Custody Exchange (SCCE) Program Committee members (Chair Jacobs, Commissioners Atkins, and Millard, ~~and Ms. Bea Dieringer, representative from Superior Court~~) met with Supervisor Antonovich in midsummer of 2008 to discuss funding the SCCE program. Supervisor Antonovich's Deputy, Ms. Pembedjian, scheduled a meeting on September 22, 2008, at which Committee members met with two social service providers. These two agencies agreed to provide a combined budget to be presented to Supervisor Antonovich for purposes of determining what additional public funding will be needed to restart the program. Chair Jacobs added that Supervisor Antonovich was interested in determining what private funding was available.

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Change Commissioners CeDillos and Albrights' attendance status from unexcused absence to excused absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Safe Child Custody Exchange Program Update

Chair Jacobs reported that the SCCEP Committee had its third meeting with Supervisor Antonovich's staff on February 5, 2009, to discuss discretionary monies, determine additional public funding available to restart the program, and explore private funding. Present at this meeting were: two social services agencies, a Deputy Justice, a Family Coordinator; Commissioners Atkins, Millard, and Ex Officio Member Dieringer, representing the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Bea Dieringer reported the following:

Although the Board's discretionary budget allows for contributions towards related projects and/or events, this type of funding did not appear to be feasible for the SCCEP.

Ms. Pembedjian, Supervisor Antonovich's Justice Deputy, has been facilitating meetings with members of staff to Steve Baker, CEO of the Grace Resource Center, in Lancaster. Mr. Baker proposed managing a child custody exchange program in Lancaster with a limited

yearly budget of \$23,397.40. Despite the limited budget, Mr. Baker is confident that the program will be successful based on the strong local community support from volunteers.

Mr. Baker proposed carving-out \$6,000 from the Prevention, Intervention and Demonstration (PID) Project as a grant for a SCCEP in the Lancaster area. The PID grant would provide funding for training of volunteers at the newly proposed site location, but the remaining monies necessary to complete the program's budget must be sought through donations in order to open its doors.

Moreover, Helen Berberian, Supervisor Antonovich's Children and Family Services Deputy agreed to recommend to Supervisor Antonovich to submit a recommendation before the Board of Supervisors to continue to replenish the PID Project monies for the new Fiscal Year.

Chair Jacobs noted that, although the proposal for a new child custody exchange location in Lancaster has challenges with securing a budget, other social services programs continue to exist within the county structure. Therefore, he suggested that the newly proposed location could fit within an existing program.

(Commissioner Atkins and Ex Officio member Barber joined the meeting)

Mr. Barber, Detective, LAPD, noted that West LA is very receptive to having a SCCEP based on the correspondence sent out by the LAPD. Vice Chair Jackson suggested that Mr. Barber collaborate with Yaroslavsky's Justice Deputy and her for funding and service providers once a location is determined.

Diversity on the Bench Initiative

There was no discussion.

Public Guardian Program

There was no discussion.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

Chair Jacobs suggested inviting the Presiding Judge to a future Commission meeting to provide a status on the Courts.

Considering that the Commission held its 700th meeting, Commissioner Zine requested a commemoration of the Commission celebrating its achievements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Vice Chair Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Friedman, and unanimously carried, the 700th meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:03 p.m.